

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

September 7, 2011

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jon Ford, Chair

Minutes

Members via teleconference: Karen Ellerbrook, Jon Ford, Jeff Kirk

Members absent: Judy Hess, Pam Hicks, Trevor Yager

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

IAC staff via teleconference: Lewis Ricci

1. **Approval of Agenda and June Minutes.** Commission Chair Jon Ford opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and welcomed everyone. Due to lack of quorum , no action was taken. IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci announced one correction in the published agenda (attached): Item 6b and 6c dates as shown should be reversed; Regional Partner Retreat will be October 27, and Extended Partners Meeting will be October 28. Consensus for the change was requested and agreed upon. The minutes from the June 29, 2011 meeting of the Executive Committee will be brought before the next meeting of the committee, scheduled for September 15.

2. **Financial.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2011 end-of-year financial report. He explained that the amount of \$626,525.00 shown as Committed Carry Forward consists of federal funds which are on a different fiscal cycle than IAC's fiscal year, as well as undesignated carryover funds and funds being held in reserve for FY 2013. Mr. Ricci also presented a handout (attached) showing the IAC year-to-date budget for FY 2012, complete through August 17, 2011.

3. **Grant Allocations for FY 2012.** Mr. Ricci reported that the Program Evaluation Committee (PEC) has not been able to meet yet this quarter, but has scheduled a teleconference meeting for September 13. Under normal circumstances, the PEC would have paneled the Technical Assistance Grant applications and Regional Arts Partner applications which have been submitted, and would have presented its recommendations to the Executive Committee for today's meeting. Instead, the PEC will conduct the panel hearings via teleconference on September 13 and will meet in Indianapolis on the evening of September 15 to vote on approval recommendations. As a result, the Executive Committee will also schedule a meeting on the evening of September 15 to receive the PEC recommendations and to vote upon its own recommendation to the full Commission. Applications to become Regional Arts Partners have been received from the Community Foundation of Randolph County

(Region 5), Ivy Tech Community College, Bloomington (Region 8), and Vanderburgh Community Foundation (Region 10). Mr. Ricci also reported that the Indiana Coalition for the Arts Foundation, which had applied for an Operational Support grant, did not score well enough to be approved for the grant; additionally, INCAF applied for a Technical Assistance Grant, but again, did not score well enough to be recommended for the grant.

4. Commissioner Appointment Updates. Mr. Ricci reported a recent meeting with Doug Huntsinger, the IAC's liaison to the Governor's Office. Mr. Huntsinger gave assurances that the Governor would fill all vacancies in the Commission before his term of office expires. Three current IAC Commissioners continue to serve despite having completed two full terms: Irene Smith-King, Dick Stifel, and Jeanne Mirro. In addition, Judy Hess will complete her second term as Commissioner in June 2012.

5. Partnership Issues. Mr. Ricci explained that the three proposed new Regional Arts Partners, if approved, will need some transitional guidance as they begin their 4-year terms as Partners. One issue is that they will be coming on board with part of their first year already having passed. Another is that they are not yet accustomed to grant administration and IAC grant guidelines, but IAC staff members Bobbie Garver and Michelle Anderson will work closely with them to assist in their transitions. Mr. Ricci also explained that, for the foreseeable future, IAC will centrally administer grants for Region 11 (formerly Jasper area) and Region 7 (Indianapolis and surrounding counties). Jill Watson from Jasper has been contracted to assist with Region 11, and IAC staff member Kristina Davis will be the program manager for Region 7.

6. Upcoming Initiative Meetings. Mr. Ricci reported on five upcoming initiative meetings:

a. Community Arts Colloquium with Ball State University, to be held on October 13th and 14th at the Monon Community Center in Carmel.

b. Regional Arts Partners Retreat, to be held on October 27th at the Monon Community Center in Carmel.

c. Strategic Plan Roll-out with Extended State-wide Partners, to be held October 28th at the Monon Community Center in Carmel.

d. Foundation and Business Roundtable II, to be held October 18th in the Indiana Government Center, hosted by Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook and her husband Niel.

e. Commissioner Emeritus Reunion, to be held December 9th in conjunction with the IAC Quarterly Business Meeting. Invitations have been extended to all former IAC Commissioners with known mailing addresses.

7. Gubernatorial Election 2012. Mr. Ricci reported that efforts continue to schedule in-person meetings with candidates, in order to familiarize them with the Arts Commission, its mission and its impact on the state. At least one announced candidate has requested a policy statement from IAC.

8. Old Business/New Business. There was no old business. There was no new business.

9. **Adjourn.** Mr. Ford thanked everyone for their participation, and closed the meeting at 9:42 a.m.